

REMARKS

This Reply is intended to be completely responsive to the non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2005, which imposed a third Restriction Requirement.

Claims 1-100 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-19, 32-49 and 73-90 are currently withdrawn. Claims 50-72 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Claims 20-31 and 91-100 are subject to a Restriction Requirement.

Telephonic Interview

A telephonic interview between Examiner D. Chung and the undersigned representative of the Applicants was held on December 21, 2005 to discuss the restriction requirement. The Applicants explained that independent Claims 91 and 96 had been added in the Reply and Amendment dated September 14, 2005 in response to an indication of Allowable Subject Matter as provided in the Office Action dated August 9, 2005. Claim 91 included a combination of subject matter from allowable dependent Claim 25 and its original independent Claim 20. Claim 96 included a combination of subject matter from allowable dependent Claim 30 and its original independent Claim 20. The Applicants respectfully submitted that new Claims 91-100 were intended to recite subject matter that the Applicants believed to be allowable based on the Examiner's prior indication of Allowable Subject Matter. In addition, original independent Claim 20 was further amended to place the claim in a condition that Applicants believed was in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claims 91-100 were based on subject matter that was common to Claims 20-31.

Agreement was reached between the Applicants and the Examiner that the Applicants would respond to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005 by electing one of the groups of claims with traverse, and that the Examiner would withdraw the restriction requirement. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview and consideration of the Applicants' explanation.

Restriction Requirement - 35 U.S.C. § 121

In this third Restriction Requirement, the Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I (i.e. Claims 20-31) with traverse.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Group II (i.e. Claims 91-95) and Group III (i.e. Claims 96-100) are directed to various combinations of subject matter that was originally recited in Group I (i.e. Claims 21-30) and were added to expedite issuance of Allowable Subject Matter as indicated in the Office Action dated August 9, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the third Restriction Requirement and examination and allowance of Claims 20-31 and 91-100.

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The Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments made in the Reply and Amendment dated September 14, 2005 that were intended to expedite the issuance of Allowable Subject Matter, the Application is in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 20-31 and 91-100.

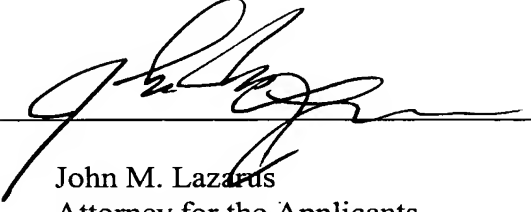
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, the Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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